



**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**And**  
**Early Childhood Campus**

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**Safe at Home**

*The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

2 Timothy 4:18

One of the most exciting plays in baseball is the play at home plate. The runner rounds third base and heads for home, the outfielder throws the ball from the outfield, and both the runner and ball arrive at the same time. Depending on the call of the umpire, the runner may be safe or out.

We are rounding third and heading for home in our lives. As we look at the cross of Jesus, it would seem like we are out, as He hangs there suffering and dying. But notice His arms as He hangs there and dies. His arms are hammered to the cross in the "safe" position. His arms extend outward, just as the umpire's arms extend outward when he calls the runner "safe."

"Safe!" the Father will yell out to us as we enter heaven. And after a lifetime of running the bases of life we will have made it home safely.

And just as the crowd goes wild when the runner is safe at home plate, so angels and loved ones will join in Te Deums (We praise You, O God) when the Father calls us "safe."

As always, dear brothers and sisters, please contact me if you or a loved one is in the hospital, celebrating a milestone, or would just like a visit. Please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Let's Connect!  
 Pastor Jon

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, August 27** to Ginger Careros at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**.

**BOARD OF ELDERS**

**How's your prayer life?**

How is your prayer life? If it's anything like mine it could be better. If we improve our dedication and make time for prayer it will likely improve.

Some people don't pray because they may not know how to start. There's a lot of ways to pray. One way is the prayer that Jesus taught us, the Lord's Prayer, if you don't know what to pray, it's a great starting point.

I'll list a few other ways to get started or add to your prayers.

One way is to take your bulletin from the Sunday service home every week and pray for the members that have asked for prayers or are going in for a medical procedure. You can pray in the same way for your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or even adversaries that are having medical or other problems.

Pray for St. Andrew Church and Pastor Jon.

Pray for our state and national leaders to follow God's will instead of the ways of the world. Another way is to ask for the Lord to use you to reach others that don't know Jesus as their Savior.

Pray and ask God to forgive your sins. Repent and have the weight of sin released from you.

Ask God for whatever you want. Maybe you would like a different job or make a career change.

Are you mad at God? If so, let him have it. He can take it.

These are just some of the ways that may improve your prayer life. With dedication and practice you'll likely see an improvement. Prayer is like any other skill. The more you do it the better you will be at it. God just wants to have a conversation with you. Through His Word and through prayer.

It's the prayer of the elders that we all try and improve our prayer life, one day at a time.

There are quite a few options to study the Bible at St. Andrew.

- Sunday morning after church (10:15am). Currently studying the book of Romans.
- Tuesday morning (9:30am) Women's Group @ Sandy Berres' house- Currently studying the book, "Aging With Grace"
- Week night (various nights depending on schedules) Women's Group. Meets at homes and church- Currently studying the book, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver.
- Saturday morning (8:30am) Men's Group led by Dan Berres meets at church- Currently studying the book of Revelation.
- Monday evening (6:00pm) Men's Group led by Bob Buehler – This study is taking the summer off and will restart in the fall.

Talk to Pastor Vierkant or one of the elders and we will help get you plugged into God's word at St. Andrew.

Please contact Pastor, an Elder, or the church office if you are going in for surgery, having a hospital stay or have anything else you think we should know about. We are concerned for our members but if you do not tell us what is going on, we will not know to contact you to see if you

would like a visit or would like to be included in our prayers.

This is your church home and we are your church family so we are very interested in what your concerns are. Please contact one of the Elders and let us know if you have any concerns, questions, need help or just want to talk. We are here to help you in any way we can. Below is the list of Elders and which area of responsibilities they are heading. You can talk to any Elder about any concerns or questions and we will bring it up to the full board and most importantly, please keep us in your prayers.

In God's service,  
Randy Sheffield—Chairman, Sick/Shut-Ins & Care Ministry  
Thai Hua—Secretary, Ushers  
Mark Oehme— In-Actives  
Jeff Grande – Youth/Confirmation  
Rory Hetzel—Lay Readers  
George Muth—Fund Raisers/Personnel

## **BOARD OF MINISTRIES**

Did you know that St. Andrew's has a weeknight Women's Bible Study? We are going through the book "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver. Every week it seems like the chapter was personally written for me. The most recent chapter, however, made me think about us as Americans. In this chapter, Joanna quotes author Phillip Yancy who was talking about Christians in China. He writes:

"Instead of fighting the government during the last forty years of communist rule, Chinese Christians devoted themselves to worship and evangelism, the original mission of the church. They concentrated on changing lives, not changing laws." Yancy goes on to talk about how in the last 40-50 years, the church in China has grown from 750,000 Christians to over 35,000,000!

At St. Andrew, it is our mission to bring others to Christ. But how do we build the passion for this like the church in China has? We need to stay

connected to the vine by remaining in God's word and devoting ourselves to prayer. We are blessed to be able to meet together with our fellow Christians in a country where we can do so freely without the worry of being persecuted for it. Pray to God for our country as we celebrate this month!

The Brat Fry was held earlier in the month of June. Despite a full day of rain on that Saturday, we had another successful weekend of sales! Thanks to all of you who volunteered your time, supplies or cash to this event!

Here are several upcoming opportunities to serve with your church family:

- **VBS** will be held August 6th -8th. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Game Night** By popular demand, another Game Night will be held at church. It's still in the planning phase, so watch the bulletin for the date and time!
- **Mission Giving** - The month of July will be school supplies such as notebooks, glue, crayons, pencils, pens, backpacks and rulers.
- **St. A's Weeders and Seeders** – The Foraging/Gardening class is going strong and growing every week. This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the St. Andrew fellowship area. Their next meeting is July 2nd.
- **Farmer's Market** – St. Andrew will be at Site 14 in downtown West Bend on July 13th, starting at 7:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to be there to share information about our church with the community. Or just stop by and say Hello!
- **Picnic at Mauthe Lake** – This year we will meet on July 21st immediately following the church service. A shelter with

electricity has been rented. More info will follow.

Blessings,  
Sandy Berres  
Sue Hetzel  
Joanne Miller  
Sarah Peterson  
Kris Sheffield

## **CARE MINISTRY**

God's blessings to all of you! I wanted to remind you of our "Care Ministry" opportunity here at St. Andrew. This ministry can be use by any of you that may be going through a difficult time. It may be for only a short time like coming home from the hospital and would like someone to come and share a prayer or two and a brief devotional with you. Or something more long lasting like finding out you are not able to drive any more or health related trials perhaps dealing with the struggles with aging. Divorce or marriage difficulties.

There are many reasons to take advantage of this ministry. It may be a feeling of loneliness and just need to talk and need a listening ear to listen. You may be struggling with your faith, let us know! You may have received serious diagnoses from the doctors! Family difficulties! Life change decisions! Depression! Perhaps just asking "why am I always sad!" Do you have a family member in a nursing home? We will walk through the muck and brokenness of this world with you.

This ministry is for all of us from time to time, and no need to feel embarrassed or reluctant to ask. Please reach out to Pastor or myself, my number is 262-689-4584. Don't hesitate to let us know. We are trained to be care ministries; all is kept private and is our privilege and blessing to serve God and His people in this way. You are a blessing to us and we don't want you to ever think you are alone because you are "never alone "Please, please, please," let us be a friend and have a meaningful relationship with you!

Dan Berres

## SISTER'S IN CHRIST

### *A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17*

This verse gives insight into our Tuesday morning Bible study group. We are Sisters in Christ, we gather together to grow and learn through God's word, we encourage one another, and we want to share God's love and compassion with each other. God has blessed us, God has taught us, and God will use us as we follow His plan for each of our lives. Women of St. Andrew, you are our Sisters in Christ. We invite you to join us on Tuesday mornings beginning July 2nd at 9:30am as we begin a new study on the Women of the Bible. This study is in a simple format filled with life lessons and discussions. We will meet at Sandy Berres home on her patio. All you need is a Bible, and bring a friend if you care to. If you have any questions please let me know (Sandy Ruback).

**Once again**, a reminder to check out the Mission Store and take something home with you that you can enjoy. Donations are appreciated.

**Prayer Shawls** are in the narthex for you to give to someone needing comfort and compassion. Help yourself!

May God's Sonshine warm your hearts,

Sandy R., Judi B., and Kathy M.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

Dear St. Andrew Congregation,

June has been busy cleaning our classrooms, figuring out the 2024-2025 school year calendar and setting our curriculum for the year, scheduling lead water testing, and other essential things to make our next school year run smoothly.

One of the more exciting things I have been working on, has been ordering an updated

Religion Curriculum for our 3K and 4K classrooms and two new children's Bibles from Concordia Publishing House. This new religion curriculum offers creative and fun ideas to implement throughout our entire day...not just at Jesus Time. I cannot wait to add this wonderful new resource to our already amazing curriculum!

I pray that your summer has gotten off to an amazing start.

May God Bless and keep you safe,  
Lindsey

PS, please continue praying for our preschool enrollment to continue to grow.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Erica Cottrell
1	Ben Roeglin
3	Glenn Grothman
6	Robert Miller
7	Todd Waechter
8	Michelle Gnatzig
8	Sue Hale
9	Mackenzie Kelley
11	Melissa Fry
11	Gage Ratzel
14	Ron Bastian
16	Carolyn Kreis
16	Jolene Solko
17	George Muth
17	John Schlicht
19	Jacquelyn Beaupre'
19	James Schmoltd
22	Kris Sheffield
22	Daniel Vierkant
23	Stephanie Gutschmidt
23	Linda Konzal
24	Dan Berres
24	Suzanne Woods
26	Karissa Haufelder
27	Kara Ruback
28	Dolores Engel
28	Rory Hetzel
29	Susan Mueller
29	Kabel Wuebben
29	Kaitlyn Wuebben
29	Kennedy Wuebben
30	Joshua Kasuboski
30	Nic Sheffield



## JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

20	Dean & Christie Dieringer
23	Rory & Sue Hetzel



Growing Together

Generation to Generation

## JULY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1	Carolyn Janz
3	Glenn Grothman
10	Fred Legate
10	Simone Manns
15	Ruthann Gray
17	Jim Peterson
18	Karen Hammen
18	Todd Waechter
20	Donald Keaton
24	Evelyn Nuoffer
31	Adam Ruback
31	James Schmoltd